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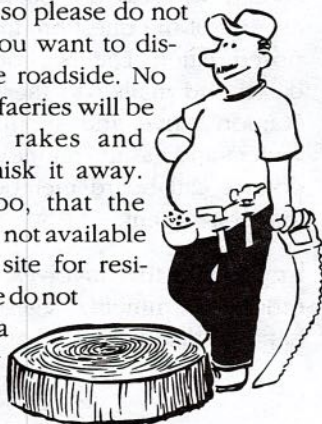


# the Surf Pines Breeze

## Spring Cleanup Day

The spring cleanup day was a hot, roaring success, according to those who tended the fire. At least 30 yards of debris—many truckloads—were burned. Three volunteer residents, Robert Stineman and crew spent ten hours on Saturday, May 16 hauling and burning. It took another couple of hours on Sunday to complete the job. Cost of the professional help was \$250, but the work could not have been done without them. In future, Ken Weber says, it will be necessary to charge residents for the service.

There will not be another cleanup day for some months, so please do not leave debris you want to dispose of by the roadside. No good grounds faeries will be waving their rakes and brooms to whisk it away. Remember, too, that the burning area is not available as a disposal site for residents, so please do not try to use it as a dump for any kind of refuse.



## Rural Address Changes

All residents of Surf Pines have probably received notice from Troy Kay Associates about the rural addressing project to create a uniform system for naming streets in the rural areas of the county and a numbering system that will make individual dwellings easy to locate. Primary goal of the proposed changes is to improve delivery of emergency services through an "Enhanced 911 emergency telephone system."

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On May 21 and 22 meetings were held in Seaside and Astoria to solicit public questions and reaction to the proposals. Some Surf Pines residents attended one or another of the meetings and several have signed petitions requesting review of the changes that are suggested for this area.

The project was initiated by an administrative rule of the Oregon legislature, in-

structing counties to systematize and standardize their rural addressing in order to improve delivery of urgent emergency help. Funding is provided through state grants, so long as legal guidelines are followed. Documents that supply more information about the proposed plans are available from the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and the Public Works Department.

Final decision on the renaming and numbering will rest with the County Board of Commissioners. The responsible county agencies, such as the county surveyor and public works department are trying to be sensitive to residents' requests as far as is possible within state and county legal requirements.

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As well as from the above agencies, more information is available from TK Associates; the number to call is 541-963-9237.



# Association News

## Board Change

This year's president, Louann Riggan, found it necessary to resign from the board late last month due to pressure of other commitments and personal responsibilities. She remains ready to help in any way she can with particular projects but can no longer devote the time and energy demanded by board participation. Vice president Dick Tevis has assumed the presidency until a new board is constituted after the annual meeting and new officers are elected.

## Annual Meeting Plans

Saturday, August 1 has been set for the association's annual membership meeting, to be held at the Astoria Golf and Country Club at 10 a.m. The agenda, minutes of last year's meeting, financial statement and proposed budget, and list of candidates for board vacancies, together with other issues that require members' approval, will be mailed out no later than July 17. One important item on the agenda will be announcement of a special assessment as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the association, to pay for unusually high bills for gate refurbishment and repair and road improvements.

The annual meeting is the opportunity for members to come together as a community to exchange views on association business and give the board guidance for the future. A large turnout will be most welcome.

## Election of New Board Members

Al Laakso and Tom Wilcox complete their terms on the board this year. A nominating

committee consisting of Dick Tevis, Chuck Johnson and Marilou Sayer has been appointed to recruit candidates to fill the vacancies. Service on the board requires dedication of time and attention; willingness to work on behalf of the common good of all members regardless of one's personal preferences; and a resilient sense of humor. (Board members seldom see why they should volunteer their time and effort only to be abused by individuals whom they may disappoint in one way or another.) For more information or to become a candidate, please contact any nominating committee member.

the amount of time that they can devote to community affairs.

The board believes it is addressing the serious issues facing the association as Surf Pines grows, despite the increasing cost in volunteer hours which that growth imposes on them. No board member should be compelled to spend more time on issues which are considered important by a relatively small number of people.

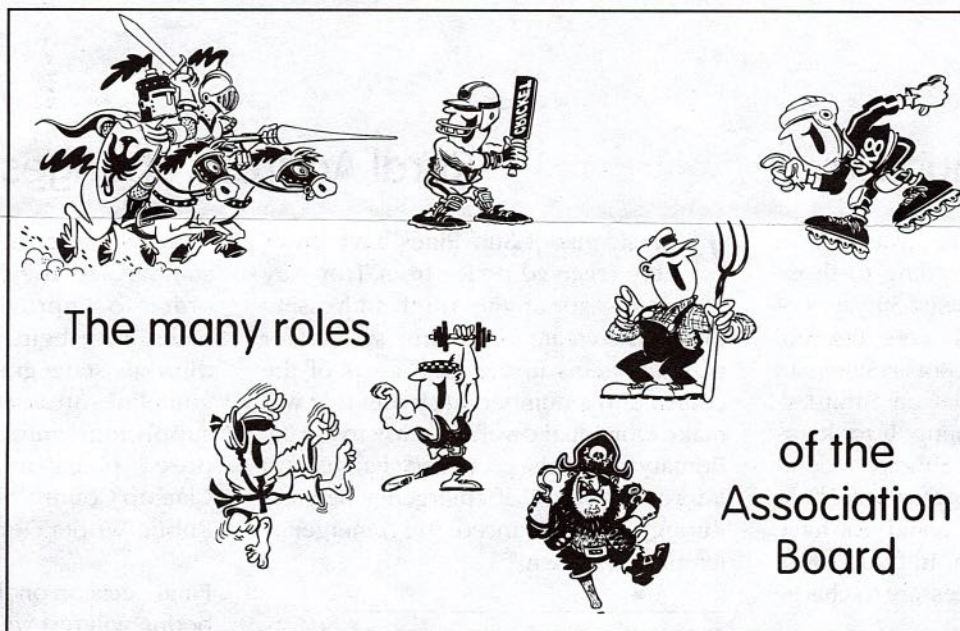
As defined by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the function of the corporation is to develop, maintain and operate the common properties and amenities owned by the association. The Board of Directors, charged with daily administration, has neither the personnel nor the financial, legal, and material resources to be all things to all members. Settling individual disputes among members, for example, is not a board responsibility.

Any member or group of members who may wish to address an issue affecting the community as a whole

should write to the board detailing all aspects of the question, including a proposed action. Letters should be signed, dated and mailed to the board at 2003 Manion Drive and should include the writer's address and phone number. Please do not call board members unless the matter is urgent.

Any matter that involves the county or other governmental agency should be handled directly with that authority. The

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## Board Duties and Responsibilities

The scope of its duties and the responsibilities of the Board of Directors to the membership continually come into question. This is perhaps an appropriate time, as an election looms, to address the subject.

The board is comprised of seven residents who have volunteered their time, energy and expertise to the service of the community; they serve without compensation. They also have personal responsibilities, pressures and commitments which limit



## Dunes, Signs

Property owners often forget or are unaware that there are county, state and, in some cases, even federal laws and regulations that prevent or mandate certain activities on and around property in Surf Pines. Two examples of governmental control are the Coastal Beach Residential (CBR) zoning designation that covers most of Surf Pines and the Soil and Water Conservation District dunes regulations.

For those home owners on the west side of Ocean Drive who would like to enhance their ocean views, it is well to be aware that while you may mow the grass and other vegetation, you may not plow it up. Using a bulldozer to get rid of the vegetation or attempting to lower the dune is strictly forbidden. Those who have tried these methods in the past have been subject to fines and have had to replant the areas they have disturbed. The county enforces these rules very strictly and they exist for good reason.

Similarly, the size of signs in the CBR zone is limited. In a residential area large, obtrusive signs are inappropriate. Temporary real estate or other signs should be no larger than 260 square inches. Residents should also be aware that Surf Pines rights of way are our common property, administered by the board. If you want to erect a sign, please check with the board before placing it on the right of way. No political signs may be put on common property, since they express individual preference.

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*Surf Pines Handbook* contains information on whom to contact when you have a problem. Please refer to the handbook when in doubt.

Members may, of course, also attend the board's monthly meetings, whether or not there is a problem to be addressed. But please let someone on the board know in advance, so that time can be allotted on the agenda if you have concerns to discuss.

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## Roadside Spraying

The rumor machine is alive and well in Surf Pines. Recently word got around about plans to spray along the roadsides to combat scotch broom and other invasive weeds. Before the board could catch its breath, its members were being accused of wanting to use "Agent Orange" to defoliate the whole area. In rumor's virtual world only board members' pets would be protected from certain poisoning, as whole swathes of vacant land were blanketed with noxious chemicals. One thing is certain: vivid imaginations are not lacking in this, our Arcadia.

So what is really happening? Weeds growing along the roadsides are invading the asphalt, even in Surf Pines Landing where the paving is only a few years old. The result is that edges of the roads break down more readily and need costly repair

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more frequently. One way to prevent that is to clear the roadsides of vegetation and put gravel along them. There has never



been any intention to touch anything on private property, which is clearly outside the association's control. What is within its obligations is to maintain the roads in good condition at minimal cost. For the time being the vegetation removal project is on hold while more information is sought about the best way to tackle the problem.

Both residents and unimproved property owners may be interested in a project being explored by several agencies in the county to remove scotch broom and other vegeta-

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tion not native to the Clatsop Plains and to reintroduce plants that were thriving in earlier years. *the Breeze* is trying to get more information about this project and will keep readers informed in future issues.

## Legal News



### Charlton-Malarkey Suit

The suit against Surf Pines for \$250 for removing fill from the ditch on the right of way along the Charlton-Malarkey property on north Ocean Drive has been settled. In the process of negotiation it was discovered that when Strawberry Hill was developed the roads, including the north end of Ocean Drive, Malarkey Drive, and Elk Run Lane, were never properly deeded over to Surf Pines Association, although the association must maintain them.

The settlement provides that in return for access to their land via a road easement

through Surf Pines, title to the Strawberry Hill roads will be given to the association. Each party to the settlement will pay its own costs.

### Pinehurst Estates

Dolly Nicholson has withdrawn her intention to appeal the county's decision permitting development of the acreage south of Surf Pines as a cluster subdivision. Barring further impediments, the project will proceed.





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## Gates and Security

The new housing for the south entry gate is ready for installation; when that is in place the south gate complex should function trouble-free for some time to come. The stainless steel that protects the mechanisms of the gates should last much longer than the original housings. The north gate is to be supplied with a computer, like the south gate, so that usage at that end can

also be monitored. Other repairs at the north end to enhance the gates' reliability are under consideration.

As announced in an earlier newsletter, sheriff's deputies are making random patrols in Surf Pines to check for speeders, to look for unsafe driving practices and to enhance protection against vandalism and trespassing. Members can expect a report at the annual meeting on the results of these patrols.

## Roads

Now that the paving season has arrived, look for improvement in the condition of the roads. Those in the habit of weaving their way through the potholes on Manion will be grateful to notice that they have been filled. Work on the road shoulders should proceed soon. More extensive re-surfacing awaits completion of the pipe improvement project.

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